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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
March 13, 2013
St. Mary's Hall Room 113B

Present: Robyn Bradford, Corinne Daprano, George Doyle, Ralph Frasca, Harry Gerla, Emily Hicks, Sheila Hughes, Leno Pedrotti, Carolyn Phelps, Hussein Saleh, Joseph Saliba

Absent: Paul Benson

Guest: Jim Farrelly, Pat Donnelly

Opening Meditation: Emily Hicks opened the meeting with a meditation

Minutes: The minutes of the February 27, 2013 ECAS meeting were approved

Announcements:

The next meeting of ECAS is March 20, 2013 from 3:15-4:45 PM in SM 113B.

Reports:

Committee Reports

APC. L. Pedrotti reported that the APC is still talking through the Department Proposal and Ohio Board of Regents process and will have a document ready next week for ECAS review. They are also reviewing the discontinuation of the BSE in Art Education program.

FAC. E. Hicks reported that the Outside Employment Policy has been approved by a majority of the FAC and will be presented to the ASenate during the March 15 meeting. The FAC is not scheduled to meet again until April.

SAPC. No report

President's Council Agenda. ECAS discussed a few of the items on the President's Council agenda. E. Hicks asked if designated smoking areas were going to be eliminated. C. Phelps responded that the administration is trying to designate smoking areas away from buildings and walkways, particularly the library, but not to eliminate these smoking areas. J. Farrelly asked if the smoking policy group was going to be reconstituted. C. Phelps indicated that Facilities, Student Development, and Human Resources are all involved in discussions regarding this issue. J. Farrelly suggested involving additional constituent groups in these discussions.

Old Business:

Outside Employment. C. Phelps asked for comments on the Outside Employment policy in light of the discussion and vote this Friday at the ASenate meeting. ECAS posed several procedural questions regarding the discussion and vote. G. Doyle asked if it is possible to have a written rather than verbal vote on this document. J. Farrelly affirmed that was possible. The ASenate must vote to change the vote to a written vote. L. Pedrotti asked about amendments to the document. J. Farrelly affirmed that senators can make a motion for an amendment to the document.

J. Saliba reminded ECAS that the document has been revised by the FAC. It is not the document submitted by the Provost's office to the ASenate for consultation. This is a consultative document only. S. Hughes asked for clarification as to what the ASenate is voting on: 1) rejecting the original proposed policy forwarded to ECAS by the Provost's office; and, 2) recommending that the ASenate document proposed by the FAC replace the current faculty policy. J. Farrelly clarified that the ASenate will either approve the FAC's revisions to the original proposal or vote to table the document. P. Donnelly

confirmed that the Provost's Office is not asking the ASenate to vote on the original (staff) policy. The original document was a revision of the staff policy and was submitted to ECAS by the Provost's Office for consultation. J. Saliba then indicated that if the ASenate votes to approve the FAC's proposed document the Provost's Council will be consulted. The Provost's Council decision will be sent to the President and President's Council. If the document is approved by the President's Council the Faculty Handbook will be revised accordingly.

Employment after Retirement. P. Donnelly reviewed a minor revision to the Employment After Retirement statement in the faculty handbook. The approval process for employment after retirement requests includes prior approval from the Deans and now the Provost. This revision was intended to create greater consistency in the application of this process across units. C. Phelps indicated that the revised statement will be part of the ECAS report to the ASenate's for the April meeting.

Discontinuation of University Graduation and General Competency Program. L. Pedrotti reviewed the APC's proposal to Discontinue the University Graduation and Competency program. The APC hopes to have the proposal ready for the ASenate's April meeting. The proposal recommends eliminating the Competency program. The rationale being that these university requirements are already embedded in the Math, English, and Communication introduction courses. J. Farrelly suggested that the APC consult with Steve Wilhoit about the proposal. He also asked what the Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) accreditation team will feel about UD dropping the competency program. J. Saliba indicated that the accreditation team allows universities to construct and assess their own competencies. If UD has a set of competencies we need to ensure we are assessing those competencies. L. Pedrotti will send the proposal to the Deans and ask that they forward it to chairs and faculty for feedback.

Consultation. C. Phelps reported that the ad hoc committee on consultation is still working on the consultation issue. She presented some ideas to ECAS for review.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Corinne Daprano

Standing committee work assignments. Below is an updated list of assigned standing committee tasks:

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing
Policy on outside employment		FAC	ECAS	Discussion in Senate	March
Department Processes	ECAS		APC	Proposal	April
Competencies	CAPCC	APC	ECAS	Proposal	April
Discontinuation of BSE in Art Ed	SOEAP		APC	Proposal	April
Intellectual Property – Distance learning	Provost				
Sabbatical leave	Provost		FAC	Proposal	March
Tasks ongoing					
SET Committee oversight	ECAS		ECAS	Hear monthly reports; Linda Hartley, chair	
CAP Competency Committee oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports; Emily Hicks, chair	